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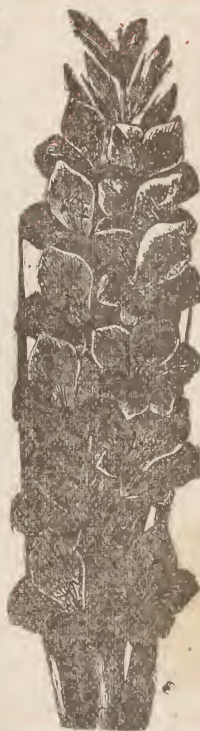
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GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Pa.

Mr. Park:—I want to tell you about the mixed Gladiolus I got from you last spring. I had 30 bulbs, and every one bloomed, and there were no two alike. I was much pleased with them.—Corda Hamblin, Mansfield, O., Dec. 10, 1914.

Mr. Park:—I wish to tell you of the ten Gladiolus bulbs I got as a premium with your Floral Magazine last spring. Every bulb bloomed, and the flowers were of many shades and very pretty. They were admired by all who saw them.—Mrs. W. K. Mann, Marshall Co., W. Va., Nov. 6, 1914.



SURPLUS BULBS AT A SACRIFICE.

I HAVE a surplus lot of Hyacinths, mixed Tulips, Giant named Crocuses, fine named Daffodils, and hardy Narcissus, and twenty-five other hardy varieties of bulbs, all named, which I will dispose of to close them out, at much less than cost. The package will consist of 200 bulbs, all in good condition, and I will send it to anyone by express (charges not prepaid) for only \$1.00, provided the order reaches me before February 1, 1915. After that it will be too late, as any remaining will then be planted. So do not delay, and do not order in February or later, as I cannot supply them then at any price.

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Alonsoa, free-blooming, bright annuals for beds or pots; mixed.

Alyssum, sweet, white flowers ever-blooming; for edgings and pots.

Ambrosia, sweet-scented annual for bouquets; pretty foliage.

Anarrhatus, showy foliage and bloom, mixed; also Joseph's Coat.

Anagallis, Pimpernel, pretty annual; blue, scarlet and red; mixed.

Antirrhinum, Snapdragon, new, giant, fragrant, big spikes of gorgeous flowers; beautiful, mixed.

Arcotis, Breviscapa and Grandis mixed; large, daisy-like bloom; fine.

Artemisia annua, Sweet Fern fragrant foliage, easily grown; fine for bouquets; very pretty.

Arnebia montana, Prophet Flower, golden yellow spotted brown.

Ageratum, Mexican Poppy, showy; yellow and white, mixed.

Asperula azurea, blue annual.

Aster, Park's Fine Bedding, 1 foot; Red, White, Blue, separate or mixed.

Aster, New Hohenzollern, large frilled blooms; 2 feet high; many rich colors; mixed; one of the best.

Aster, Giant Victoria, large imbricated flowers, the best, finest mixed.

Aster, New Christmas Tree, mixed.

Aster, Ostrich Feather, best mixed.

Aster, Peony-flowered Perfection, elegant incurved bloom, rich; mxd.

Aster, New Pompom, elegant flowers, white centers, choice colors.

Aster, Dwarf Bouquet, like a little pyramid set upon the ground; mixed.

Aster, Chrysanthemum Dwarf, very beautiful large blooms; 1 foot, mxd.

Aster, Invincible, tall; large flowers on long stems; superb colors, mixed.

Aster, Yellow Quilled, a splendid yellow variety; the best yellow.

Aster, all varieties, splendid mixt. Note.—All of these Asters bear the finest double flowers: are unsurpassed.

Balsam, Park's Camellia-flowered, finest large-flowered Balsam; very double, all plain colors, also spotted; finest mixture. The best strain.

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Brachycome, Swan River Daisy, lovely little annual, blue, white, mxd.

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Calendula grandiflora, elegant double hardy annual; beautiful and showy; blooms through autumn and until the snows of winter. Mixed.

Calliopsis, Black-eyed Susan, very bright, showy flowers, yellow, brown, mottled; makes splendid bed. Mixed.

Callisole, involucreta, fine trailer ever-blooming, cup-shaped carmine bloom; hardy perennial, fine bedder.

Campanula, annual, pretty little bells in profusion, blue, white, mxd.

Candytuft, hardy annuals, white carmine, lilac, big tufts, showy; mxd.

Canna, Crozy's Large-flowering very attractive; semi-tropical foliage and great spikes of bloom of various rich colors. Mixed.

Carnation, Margaret, large-flowered double, semi-dwarf, very free blooming, clove-scented, blue's first season, hardy, White, Rose, Red, Yellow, Variegated; mixed.

Capsicum, Pepper, 25 varieties; all shapes, sizes and colors, edible. Some good for pickling, others for window pots; fine garden hedge; mxd.

Celosia, Coxcomb, dwarf, immense combs, Yellow, Scarlet, Crimson, mixed; Fine for pots or beds.

Celosia, Plume-flowered, new; huge feathery heads, rich colors; Thomson's finest strain, mixed.

Chrysanthemum, annual, double and single; free-blooming plants all summer; good winter blooming pot plants; mixed.

Clarkia, Double and Single; elegant, showy annuals of easy culture; splendid for beds: White to Carmine.

Convolvulus tricolor, Dwarf Morning Glory; beautiful dwarf annuals; free-blooming, showy, in many colors from white to blue; mxd.

Cosmos, large-flowered, finest sorts; very graceful, free-blooming and beautiful. White, Rose, Carmine. Mixed. Fine for cutting.

Dahlia, Single-flowered and Double-flowered, produce splendid blooming plants first season; finest special mixture 5 cts.

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Delphinium, Larkspur, annual, tall, branching, very double and showy, mixed; also Dwarf Hymenophyllum, mixed.

Delphinium, Park's Ever-blooming perennial; dwarf; fine for beds.

Datura, big, sweet, trumpet flowers, yellow, white, lavender, double and single; mixed.

Dianthus Chinensis, elegant Japan Pinks, best double and single, all the new, choice sorts in splendid mixture; bloom first season, fine beds.

Dimorphotheca aurantiaca, New African Daisy; golden annual of great beauty; splendid bedder.

Erysimum, new bedding, lovely, fragrant golden annual, somewhat like Wallflower, a sheet of gold.

Eschscholtzia, Cal. Poppy double and single, large-flowered, white, golden, carmine, striped, mixed.

Euphorbia, showy bracted annual scarlet and white, mixed.

Fenzlia dianthiflora, very pretty, free-blooming little annual, pink.

Gallardia grandiflora, the finest sort; large, showy, long-stemmed blooms, bright colors; hardy perennial blooming first season; splendid for beds and cutting, mixed.

Gilia tricolor, fine annual, mxd.

Godefia, superb, large-flowered, showy bedding annuals, fine, mixed.

Helianthus, Sunflower, finest double and single in superb mixture.

Hibiscus, finest sorts mixed.

Hammamania, Mex. Poppy, fine.

Ice Plant, fine succulent, mixed.

Impatiens, African Balsam, new ever-blooming Balsam for beds in summer and pots in winter, colors white to scarlet, mixed, splendid.

Kentworth Ivy, new large-flowered, splendid creeper to cover a Gladiolus bed, or deeply shaded ground; the best basket plant for a dense shade, drooping gracefully.

Lacutera trimestris, showy and beautiful, dwarf, hollyhock-like annual; white, pink, mixed.

Leptosiphon, very pretty, profuse-blooming annual, mixed.

Lupinus Nanus, elegant hedge or border annual; white, rose, red, mxd.

Linum grandiflorum, a grand red-flowered flax, makes gorgeous bed.

Linaria, superb annual, greatly admired; like little Snapdragons; mxd.

Lycnis, showy and elegant perennial blooming first season; white, scarlet, rose, mixed.

Labellia, lovely edging, basket and pot plant, finest new sorts; blue, purple, rose, white, mixed.

Marigold, French, rich colors and spotted, dwarf or tall, double or single; separate or mixed.

Marigold, African, double as a Dahlia; yellow and orange; dwarf or tall; separate or mixed.

Marigold Little, dwarf, small-flowered, for edgings and pots, mxd. Also the Fern-leaved Tagetes signata pumila, for edgings.

Martynia, coarse annuals, but bearing pretty Gloxinia-like flowers in big clusters. Mixed.

Matthiola, sweet evening stock.

Matricaria, Golden Ball, Silver Ball, yellow, white, double, very profuse; mixed.

Mimulus, large-flowered Monkey Flower; mixed. Fine basket plants.

Mignonette, finest new large-flowered sorts; very sweet; mixed.

Mirabilis, Four-o'clock, Tall, Dwarf, Mixed, including all the new colors and varieties.

Nyctotis, Forget-me-not, newest and finest blue, white and rose sorts; mixed; very handsome.

Nemesia, New Strumosa hybrids, large-flowered, very free-blooming; splendid, mixed.

Nemophila, charming hardy annuals of many rich colors; mixed.

Nicotiana affinis, new hybrids, white, rose, purple, mixed; deliciously scented. Sanderi, new hybrids mx.

Nigella, Love-in-a-mist, New Miss Jekyll, rich double blue, also mixed.

Nycterynia, dwarf tufted fragrant annual. Makes a fine bed.

Oenothera, Evening Primrose, large, showy biennials; bloom first season; beautiful; mixed.

Oxalis, for baskets, edgings, mxd.

Pansy, Roemer's Giant Prize, direct from the great Pansy Specialist in Germany; finest and largest Pansies known; finest mixture.

Petunia, Park's Mammoth, double and single, plain and frilled, finest mixture. Also Park's Elegant Petunias for pots and beds, mixed, and Park's Edging Petunias, mixed. These are all unsurpassed.

Pentstemon, New Gentianoides, large flowers, bloom first season; mxd.

Phlox Drummondii, Newlarge-flowered, all the finest colors, mixed, superior for beds. Also Hortensiae flora, mixed, and Cupidate and Fringed, mixed. There are no finer Phloxes than these.

Poppy, Annual, Giant, feathered bloom, very double, 3 feet; 20 colors, separate or mixed. Also Egoxy, flowered, mixed; Cardinal, mixed, and Shirley Improved, mxd. These are the finest Poppies known, elegant for beds, fine for cutting.

Portulaca, single and double, separate or mixed; very showy large flowers; like sandy soil and hot sun.

Polygonum orientale, graceful annuals, showy and easily grown; make a fine screen.

Ricinus, large, showy foliage, semi-tropical, make a bold group; thrive in dry, sandy soil; are perennial south of the frost-line. Mixed.

Rudbeckia, showy, beautiful golden-flowered perennials; mixed.

Salvia splendens, new, large scarlet sorts, make a fine bed; mxd.

Salpiglossis, New Emperor, very large, elegant pencilled flowers of rich colors, mixed.

Sanvitalia procumbens, Double, Scabiosa, large-flowered double; finest new colors; globular flowers on long stems. A splendid annual.

Schizanthus, Butterfly Flower, very profuse blooming, beautiful annuals for beds or pots. Mixed.

Senecio elegans, fine bedding plant, double; charming colors, blue, white, rose, yellow, purple, mixed.

Silene pendula, hardy annual, trailing rich double flowers mixed.

Solanum, best fruiting sorts, mxd.

Ten Weeks Stock, New Hollyhock-flowered, the finest; big spikes of double, richly scented flowers, mixed. Also, Dwarf German, mxd; Perpetual Perfection, mixed; Giant of Nice, mixed; Giant Perfection, and others. My Stocks are first-class.

Tropaeolum, Tom Thumb, Dwarf Nasturtium, mixed, elegant for beds. Pkt. 5 cts, oz. 10 cts, pound \$1.25. Also Lilliput, new Baby Nasturtium, mxd.

Verbena, large-flowered, fragrant, splendid for garden beds in summer, or window pots in winter. All rich colors from white to scarlet and rich blue, also variegated, separate or mixed. My seeds are first-class. Also New Dwarf Compact, mixed.

Vinca Rosea, charming annual; ever-blooming; for beds or pots; mxd.

Virginia Stock, annual, for masses in the garden, or pots in the house; many rich colors, mixed.

Viola, Tufted Pansy, almost as showy as Pansies, and stand sun better; make a fine bed; large, fragrant flowers, richest colors, mixed.

Viscaria oculata, fine, showy annuals, mixed.

Wall-flower, Parisian, splendid sort, rich, fragrant spikes; blooms first season; brown, red, yellow, mxd.

Zinnia, Improved Double Bedding, a showy and beautiful annual, blooming all the season; flowers large, and as bright as a Dahlia; makes a fine bed. Mixed. Also Mammoth, Fringed, Crispa and Striped.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

Agrostis nebulosa, Animated Oat, Briza in variety, Bromus, Hordeum, Job's Tears, Hare's Tail Grass, Panicum virgatum, plicatum, sulcatum, Feather Grass, Tricholeina, etc., separate or mixed.

EVERLASTING FLOWERS

Acroclonium, mixed; Ammobium grandiflorum; Gomphrena or German Clover, mixed; Gypsophila, mixed; Helipterum; Double Helichrysum, mixed; Rhodantha, mixed; Statice, mixed; Waitzia grandiflora; Double Xeranthemum, mixed. Also complete mixture of all kinds.

GRACEFUL CLIMBERS.

Cardiospermum or Balloon Vine, mixed; Cobaea Scandens or Mexican Bell Flower. Calempells scaber; Canary Creeper; Centrosema; Clitoria, mixed; Cypress Vine, mixed; Convolvulus or Morning Glory, mixed; Dolichos or Hyacinth Bean, mixed; Gourds in variety, as Dipper Gourd, Dish-cloth Gourd, Sugar-tough Gourd, Bitter-box Gourds of various colors and shapes, mixed; Balsam Apple, Hundred-weight Gourds of various colors, mixed; Snake Gourd, Wild Cucumber, Snake Cucumber, Fancy Gourds mixed, Nest-egg Gourd, Turk's Turban, Bryonopsis and Cyclanthera; Humulus variegata or Hop; Ipomea, mixed; Perennial Pea, mixed; Lophospermum; Moon Vine; Improved Japan Morning Glory in splendid mixture; Giant Nasturtium, mixed; Tropaeolum Lobbianum, mxd; Scarlet Runner; Sweet Peas, best mixed, 1/4 lb 15 cts, 1 lb 50 cts; Thunbergia alata, mixed; and Vicia, mixed. (See Park's Floral Guide for full descriptions and illustrations.)

BLOOMING SECOND SEASON.

Aquilegia, large-flowered, long-spurred, elegant hardy plants, very showy and beautiful, mixed.

Aconitum, Monk's Hood, finest.

Adumia cibrhosa, lovely delicate fern-vine; 20 ft. very graceful.

Adonis Vernalis, yellow, grand.

Arabis alpina, white, in early spring; grows in masses; splendid.

Aubrieta, trailing, masses of rich blue; fine wall or border plant.

Agrostemma, showy, red, mixed.

Alyssum saxatile, golden, fine.

Aster, perennial, large-flower, mxt.

Campanula medium, single, double, Cup and Saucer, separate or all mixed. My seeds of these glorious flowers are unsurpassed.

Carnation, choice hardy Garden, very double and fragrant; splendid colors mixed.

Delphinium, Perennial Larkspur, grows six feet high, bearing long spikes of rich bloom; hardy and beautiful; rich mixture.

Digitalis, Foxglove, 3 feet high; long spikes of drooping bells, beautiful; superb mixture.

Gypsophila paniculata, grand for cutting to mingle in bouquets.

Hollyhock, Chater's Finest Double, all colors, finest strain; flowers full-double, mixed.

Ipomopsis, Lupinus, Michauxia, Malva moschata, Matricaria, Cnothera, separate.

Perennial Poppy, new named; glorious big hardy perennials, flowers rich colored, often nine inches across. Splendid hybrids mixed.

Perennial Pea, free-blooming, ever-blooming, hardy vines; grand for a trellis or mound; mixed.

Platycodon, Large flowered; big blue and white flowers, charming; fine for a garden bed, hardy, mxd.

Primrose, hardy, best sorts, mxd.

Perennial Cosmos, Pyrethrum, splendid; white, rose, red; mixed.

Pinks, Carnations and Picotees, double and single, all clove-scented, hardy, rich for borders. Mixed.

Perennial Phlox, showy garden plant; big panicles of rich colored flowers, mixed.

Rehmannia, Ranunculus, Sweet Rocket, Salvia azurea grandiflora, Salvia pratensis, separate.

Scabiosa Caucasica, handsome perennial in garden, and fine for cutting, mixed. A choice perennial.

Stokesia cyanea, Silene orientalis, Sidalcea, Stenactis, separate.

Sweet William, new large-flowered, single and double; all rich colors in splendid mixture.

Verbascum, Oriental Mullein, fine.

WINDOW PLANT SEEDS.

Abutilon, New Hybrids, Flowering Maple, elegant for garden or for window pots; colors white, rose, crimson, golden, mixed.

Antigonon leptopus, superb southern vine; lovely pink clusters.

Asparagus plumosus, Sprenger, Decurrens, Scandens, Tenuissimus, separate or mixed.

Browallia, Large-flowered Speciosa; blue; new and beautiful.

Boston Smilax, elegant pot-vine.

Begonia, Tuberous and Fibrous-rooted, finest colors and varieties.

Calceolaria, magnificent pot-plant for winter-blooming; splendid strain, finest colors; mixed.

Chrysanthemum, fine, large.

Cineraria, large-flowered, finest strain, richest new colors, mixed; unrivalled pot-plants for winter.

Cyclamen, new large-flowered, superb winter-blooming pot plant; all the fine new colors mixed.

Cyperus or Umbrella Plant, Eupatorium, Erythrina, Freesia, Fuchsia, separate.

Gloxinia, finest large-flowered hybrids; charming colors and variegations; best strain; mixed.

Geranium Zenale, a grand strain imported from France; rare and lovely shades; finest mixture.

Heliotrope, new, large-flowered. French; very fragrant, charming colors, mixed. A superb strain.

Lantana, ever-blooming, newest varieties, very beautiful; mixed.

Lobelia, splendid sorts for baskets or pots, finest mixture.

Mimosa Pudica, Sensitive Plant, lovely foliage, rosy, fluffy flowers.

Primula Chinese, Improved, large-flowered, all the new colors; the finest ever-blooming pot plant for winter-blooming; best mixture.

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Primula Obconica, newest large-flowered, plain and fringed, rich and varied colors, mixed.

Primula, Floribunda or Buttercup; Forbesi or Baby Primrose; Sieboldii, mixed; Kewensis, golden yellow; Japonica, mixed.

Salvia coccinea splendens, a beautiful Scarlet Salvia for winter.

Solanum, Jerusalem Cherry; Stevia Serrata; Swainsonia, mixed; Torenia Fourniera, mixed; Veronica, mixed, and Vinca Rosea, mixed.

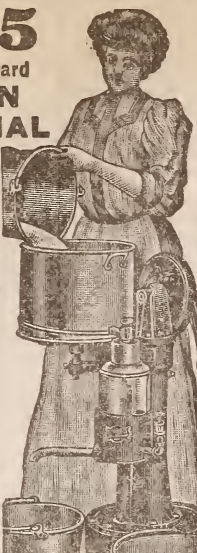
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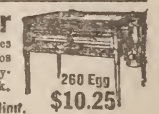


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THE OLD AND THE NEW.

Hush! be still! The old year's slowly dying,
And with the past it soon will numbered be;
Some days were spent in joy and some in sorrow,
For there's never a year from trials free.
Now steeple bells around are wildly ringing,
And loudly sound the horns of many boys,
And yet with perfect peace the soul is filling,
For already comes the New Year with its joys.
St. Louis, Mo. Albert E. Vassar.

CHRISTMAS CACTUS.

FOR THE window garden one of the most beautiful and desirable of the Cactus family is *Epiphyllum truncatum*, mostly called Christmas Cactus, because it is

usually found covered with bloom on Christmas day. The plant is devoid of prickles, branches freely, and is of a somewhat weeping character, so that it is well suited for a hanging basket or a bracketpot. It is always green and beautiful, the flowers being large, bright rose in color, and of a pleasing, waxy texture.

The plants are readily started from cuttings placed in sand, and the little plants soon develop and produce buds and flowers. The soil should be more than half sand, with good drainage, and care must be taken not to apply too much water, especially if there is a possibility of the roots being interwoven and pot-bound. Such a condition will obstruct the

drainage and cause the soil to become sour, which is liable to injure the roots and ruin the plant. It is well to never apply water when the soil is moist. When a plant begins to decline from applying too much water, or from clogged drainage, it is customary to give it more water, and this is just what should be avoided. When a plant loses its roots by being kept too wet the best thing to do is to cut it up and pot the parts in sandy soil. These will soon make roots, and become healthy, growing plants. Flowers, however, should not be expected until winter, its natural blooming period. Like all other Cactuses, this one thrives best in a sunny situation, and a very sandy or porous soil.



In summer, and while the plants are growing, water moderately and keep in full sunshine. In autumn water sparingly until December, at which time the buds will appear, and the supply of water can be increased. It should always be

borne in mind, however, that the Christmas Cactus is more likely to suffer from too much water than an insufficient supply; and an occasional

application of lime water will often be found beneficial.

The lack of spines, and the abundance of rich and beautiful bloom at a season when flowers are especially appreciated makes the Christmas Cactus a favorite house plant, and deserving of its popularity.

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Cellar Plants.—Plants wintered in the cellar should be watered occasionally, just enough to keep them from drying up. Too much water to plants in a dormant state is ruinous.

Potting Soil.—A good potting compost is made by piling up sods, well-rotted manure, sand and leaf-mould, a layer of each, adding some lime to promote decomposition, destroy fungus germs and neutralize any acidity that may appear. These materials should be allowed to remain over winter, then thoroughly stirred several times before using.

Change in Color.—A subscriber from Louisiana reports that her young Chrysanthemums, taken from the base of old plants were different in color from the original, those from golden yellow producing flowers of a "nasty pale yellow," while those from the plants bearing pretty, bright pink flowers were white. This may be due to the elements in the soil. It is well known that Hydrangea flowers will change from pink to blue by a slight variation in the soil, and the difference in soil may effect the change of colors reported. It is also known that some of our finest Roses are due to a change of color for which there is no explanation, and they are called freaks of Nature.

Thunbergia grandiflora.—This is a beautiful, vigorous, free-blooming vine for the far South, where it blooms almost continuously. It is also fine for the window or conservatory at the North, and can be bedded out to bloom in summer, cutting back and potting it to keep from frost over winter. It is readily propagated from cuttings, and the young plants soon begin to bloom. It thrives in a compost of equal parts loam, sand and thoroughly decayed manure, and should be provided a string or a trellis for support. The flowers are large, lavender blue, in clusters. It is one of the most beautiful of vines, and when well grown is a source of much pleasure and pride to the gardener.



BEGONIA, GLOIRE DE LORRAINE.

THIS IS a beautiful Begonia of the Semperflorens class, but is always found in bloom during winter. It is much cultivated by florists because of its abundance of lovely flower clusters, almost hiding the foliage of the dense, bushy plant. It is popular as a Christmas plant, and is often found commanding a good price in the markets before and during the Holidays.

As a window plant it is not always a success on account of the warm temperature it requires to grow and bloom well. A temperature of from 65 to 85 degrees should be maintained for the developing plants until in bloom, when a somewhat lower temperature should be given. After blooming cut the plant back, reduce the temperature to from 50 to 60 degrees, and give less water. As the growth of branches begins and the days lengthen apply water more liberally, and increase the temperature to from 60 to 70 degrees.



BEGONIA LUMINOSA.

The shoots formed you can use for cuttings, placing them in sandy, porous material in a close propagating case. In two weeks roots will form, and the little plants should be potted in two-inch pots in a compost of equal parts leaf-mould and sand, keeping the temperature at from 60 to 75 degrees. Later shift into five-inch pots, in a compost of two parts loam and one part leaf-mould, and reduce the temperature to 55 to 65 degrees. After blooming treat as before.

Propagation can also be effected from leaves, but the development is not so rapid, though more prolific. As a rule such handsome Begonias as Erfordii, Gracilis rosea and alba, and Begonia Luminosa are used in amateur collections in preference to Begonia Gloire de Lorraine, being more hardy, and enduring uninjured a greater range of temperature, while they bloom almost as freely.

CHILDREN'S LETTER

MY DEAR CHILDREN:—This is the day before Christmas. The air is still and cold, and the beautiful snowflakes are falling thick and fast, covering with a soft, white mantle the fields and fences, the trees and shrubs, and the garden beds of bulbs

and plants. Looking out from our cozy room a pleasurable, grateful feeling comes over us as we realize that dear old Mother Nature is veiling the unsightly parts of her face, and placing a thick, warm blanket over the beds where her flower children are quietly sleeping. Bye and bye she will come again with her genial sunshine and gentle showers, and waken her sleeping family, and dress them in bright and pleasing colors, shed a sweet perfume a-

round, and make the air resonant with a happy chorus of birds and frogs and insects.

But every season has its attractions and pleasures, and perhaps for our children at the North no



SCREECH OWL.

season is more enjoyable than winter. It is then that the school-days with their happy associations are lived; it is then that the joys of skating and coasting and snowballing are experienced; and it is then that the building of snow houses and snow men and snow mountains is entered into and enjoyed. We who are older all have cherished memories of winter sports and winter scenes in the days of early life, and we delight in seeing the sport of our little friends during their hours of winter play, knowing that not only is the present enjoyable to them, but that the future will be enriched by reminiscences of the rollicking winter joys of youth-time.

But Mother Nature not only provides for her children in the earth, but looks well to the care of the little baby buds that are sleeping upon the twigs of shrubs and trees. Here is a bud of the Hickory tree. See what thick coverlets protect its little eyes, and how many and how closely set are these coverlets! They lap and over-lap each other, are downy and soft, and tucked in so securely that the severe biting of Jack Frost cannot do them injury. And this is but an example of myriads of other buds. The Maple and Elm and Poplar buds are all likewise shielded from stern winter's icy touch; and the flower buds of the Peach and Dogwood and Lilac as well. In every form of hardy plant life we see this tender care

of Nature bestowed, and it is to us a source of wonder and admiration.

The same care, too, is given or afforded the native birds and animals that stay with us during the winter. The thick evergreen trees give protection to the birds during the storms of winter. Some find refuge in the crevices of rocks and the holes in trees. A little Screech Owl is wintering in a cavity of an old Ash tree that stands near to my office, and almost daily looks out silently upon the world from the door of his winter home. A Flicker made this cavity for its home, and raised a big flock of baby birds in it the past summer. A Rabbit has his home in the earth beneath a garden path, the entrance being left for that purpose by the workmen when the path was being made. The Foxes and Ground Hogs and Raccoons and 'Possums, all interesting native animals, have their winter homes in caves and cavities; and most of the Squirrels winter in the hollow trunks of old trees, where they wisely have laid up nuts in autumn, for their sustenance during the winter.

Nature has provided food for birds and many of the animals in the berries and fruits of native trees and vines. The Dogwood, Blue Gum, Sugar Berry, Thorn, Ilex, and Viburnum, and the Wild Grapes, Celstrus and Green Brier, all have



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an abundance of nutritious berries or fruits for the use of the wild creatures that live with us during the winter. The cutting away of these native trees and vines by the encroachments of civilization has made it a hardship for native birds and animals to exist, and many starve during severe weather. Would it not be more noble, dear little boys and girls, to feed and foster the useful wildlings, than to annually hunt them with dog and gun? Are they not entitled to a share of the earth? And shall we not physically suffer eventually because of their destruction, to say nothing of the pangs of conscience because of the cruelty practiced in taking their lives?

Sincerely Your Friend,

LaPark, Pa., Dec. 24, 1914. Geo. W. Park.

Bulbs Blighting.—When Tulips, Hyacinths and Narcissus fail to develop their buds it is mostly because the bulbs are not well-rooted. If planted late they should be covered at least four inches deep, the soil then firmed by treading, and a mulch of stable litter placed over all. This will keep the soil from sudden changes of temperature, prevent thawing out early, and will promote the satisfactory development of roots before the buds push up. The flowers may not appear so early in the season, but it is better to have a fine display later in the season than an inferior one earlier. The same remarks will apply to all the hardy bulbs planted in autumn.

HYACINTHUS CANDICANS.

THE *Hyacinthus candicans* is sometimes called Summer Hyacinth, and sometimes Land Hyacinth, but is generally catalogued as *Galtonia candicans*. It is bulbous, the bulb somewhat resembling that of the Dutch Hyacinth. Planted in the spring it will bloom during the summer, and in sandy, well-drained soil is perfectly hardy. The



scape grows from a foot to three feet high, according to the size of the bulb and the richness of the soil. The flowers are borne along the scape, towards the summit, and are on stems several inches in length. The flowers are bell-shaped, white, and rather showy, but without fragrance. Plants can be readily grown from seeds, and seedlings will bloom the third year.

Begonias Blighting.—The Angel Wing and other *Begonias* sometimes turn brown upon the edges of the leaves, and the foliage gradually dries up and then drops off. This is mostly due to a sour soil, caused by insufficient drainage. Take the plants out of the pots as soon as the trouble appears, wash the roots free from the old soil and repot in a compost of loam, leaf-mould and sand, equal parts, using as drainage some pieces of broken pots with a layer of sphagnum moss between the drainage and soil. Many of the ills of plant life come from a sour soil, which injures the roots, and eventually causes the death of the plants.

Pæony Buds Dropping.—Occasionally *Pæony* buds turn black and drop off when they should develop. This is mostly due to acid in the soil. In winter or early spring apply some fresh slacked lime to the surface, and as soon as the ground is in condition to work in the spring stir it in. The cultivation, as well as the lime will tend to sweeten the soil, as the air admitted through the pores will promote the healthy condition of the soil for the use of the plants.

MONTBRETIAS.

THESE ARE bulbous plants, somewhat in the manner of *Gladiolus*. They are planted out in the spring, in a sunny place, covered four inches deep, and as hot weather approaches are benefited by a good mulching with stable litter. In the South and mild climates the bulbs will winter in the ground. Montbretia has wintered safely in Pennsylvania for several years in succession; but it is well to lift the bulbs when frost comes and store in a frost-proof cellar. They are about as easily kept as *Gladiolus*. The plants grow two feet high, the scapes branching near the top and bearing small Lily-like flowers along the stem. The colors range from yellow to carmine.



Fall Growth of Bulbs.—The hardy bulbs should not push their foliage or buds above the surface during the autumn. If planted early they will sometimes do this, but it is nearly always at the expense of the flowers. If the bulbs are set rather deep, say five inches beneath the surface, and then covered with stable litter, it will prove beneficial; but it is better to defer planting until there is no danger of premature growth. The present season has been exceptionally mild, and even the Maples and Elms and Alders have noticeably developed, a fact that may interfere with the beauty of their flowers in early spring; and it is not uncommon for the Weeping Willow to show its leaves during a warm spell in February, soon to be injured or destroyed by the severe frosts that follow. These acts of nature cannot be ordinarily overcome, but we can obviate the early growth of bulbs by deferred planting, and a protecting cover.

Red Spider.—The mite known as Red Spider spins an almost invisible web upon the under side of the leaves, and lives upon the juices of the leaves, which soon recurve, turn brown and die. When the attack is severe it is well to strip off the foliage and burn it. If slight, syringe the leaves with



lime-sulphur solution, one part to twelve parts water.

Perennial Asters.—The time to sow the seeds of these lovely fall flowers is in early spring. If sown where the plants are to bloom and left undisturbed the plants will bloom the following autumn. The same may be said of the hardy *Chrysanthemums*.



REINWARDTIA TRIGYNA.
(Natural Size.)

A HANDSOME WINTER-BLOOMING PLANT.

FROM THE East Indies we have a handsome winter-blooming shrub scientifically known as *Reinwardtia trigyna*, but in catalogues as *Linum trigynum*. It grows from one to two feet high, branches freely by occasional pinching, and in winter is covered with showy, golden flowers which contrast well with the pretty soft green foliage. Cuttings are taken in the spring, and the plants are shifted as they grow until they occupy five-inch pots, in which they may be allowed to bloom. They like a well-drained compost of loam, peat and sand, and a warm, sunny situation. Old plants may be cut back, and grown a second year, but are not generally as satisfactory as the younger plants. It is well to syringe the plants frequently to prevent an attack of red spider, which is sometimes troublesome. This is a beautiful pot plant for the window or conservatory, and deserves general cultivation.

JERUSALEM CHERRY.

THE COMMON NAME for *Solanum pseudo-capsicum* is Jerusalem Cherry. The bright, scarlet fruits are cherry-like, and set along the stems, forming wreaths that are showy and beautiful. The so-called cherries are held till spring, so that a plant in fruit is a handsome window decoration throughout winter. The plants are usually propagated by florists in the autumn, cuttings being taken from plants that produce an abundance of fruit. The little plants are potted in loam and leaf-mould, and shifted as they grow. In summer they are sometimes bedded out in a sunny place until



September, when they are lifted and potted. To get the plants in bushy shape they are pinched back occasionally, and encouraged to branch. Syringe occasionally to keep off red spider and aphids. Seedlings should be started early in the year to bloom the following winter. See that the soil is porous and well-drained, otherwise the fruit will not develop. A clogged, sour soil will produce only fruitless plants.

Anomatheca cruenta.—This is known as Scarlet Freesia. It comes from South Africa, and must have a warm, sunny slope, the soil being very sandy and porous. Set the little bulbs four inches deep, in the spring, about the time the apple trees are in bloom. The foliage is grass-like, and the flowers in clusters, scarlet-carmine in color, a half-inch across, and produced during the summer. In the South the plants are hardy.

Fertilizer.—Perhaps the best fertilizer for Geraniums and other plants grown in a city window is ground bones, often sold as bone dust. Apply a teaspoonful of the material to each plant in a four-inch or five-inch pot, and stir it into the surface soil. The application can be repeated six weeks or two months later.

SNAPDRAGONS.

ANTIRRHINUMS or Snapdragons have lately become popular for beds, pots and for cut flowers. They are easily raised from seeds sown in the spring, and will bloom freely the first season. It is well to prevent seed formation, in order to promote continuous blooming, and prevent plant exhaustion. As winter approaches, the old flower spikes should be cut off, and just before



the ground freezes the plants will be benefited by a mulch of stable litter, buckwheat hulls or coal ashes. Do not cover the plants, as that would be liable to smother them. The bed can be surrounded by a board frame, however, where the climate is severe, or a few nude brush can be thrown over the bed. This will ward off cold winds, and prove a good protection.

Geraniums Blighting.—Occasionally Geranium plants will be blooming and apparently in good health, when suddenly



GERANIUM LEAF AFFECTED BY FUNGUS.

the leaves will begin to turn brown, and eventually fall off, leaving the bare stems with a show of green at the tip. The cause is a fungus. If some lime and sulphur is stirred into the surface as soon as the plants show the disease it will sweeten the soil, and promote the return of health. Also, a mixture of the powder should be dusted upon the foliage, using a dust bag, so that the material will be evenly distributed. Water moderately, and see that the soil is porous and well-drained.

Lime and Sulphur.—These are regarded as an antidote for fungus diseases as well as a scalecide. Where a green mossy growth appears upon the surface of the soil, or covers the sides of pots dusting well with a mixture of equal parts fresh lime and sulphur will tend to eradicate it. As a rule some lime stirred into the surface soil about the plants is beneficial, as it not only renders the elements of the soil available for plant food, but neutralizes any acid that may be in the soil, the presence of which is detrimental to the growth and development of most house plants.

CARE OF AMARYLLIS.

[Note.—In the November number of this Magazine I offered to tell "Ima" my way of growing the Amaryllis with good success, and I find there are a good many Imas, and to answer all personally I would need a typewriter. I did not make my offer to the public and do not feel that I ought to be expected to write to each one who asked for information. I certainly have had a chance to know that this invaluable Magazine reaches nearly if not all the States in the Union. Some sent postals saying if I would answer they would send a stamp later; others sent no stamp, and a few sent stamps or stamped envelopes. I would dearly love to have written to each one, but it was impossible, so I have tried to tell you all through the Magazine how I grow Amaryllis and have good success with them.—Mrs. Bedell.]

LIVING, as I do, where the summers are short, I have to grow my Amaryllis as a pot plant. I set it in the soil with the neck of the bulb above the dirt, and put sand next the bulb, as the woods dirt which I use has a tendency to cause the bulb to decay. My plant, when once started, never dies down, as the bulb loses its vitality if the large fleshy roots are allowed to get thoroughly dry. If a good sized bulb, and has never blossomed, I should keep it growing from now (December) till May, and then set it where it will get the hottest midday sun, and do not water till it is pretty dry. Keep in this state till towards fall, about September, then water sparingly till new growth begins, and then water freely, and I am sure you will be well paid for your trouble. Then through the winter, after it has blossomed in the fall, set the pot in a corner near a stove-pipe, or in the furnace room where the heat will keep it very warm till near spring, watering only enough to keep the large fleshy roots firm, and, as before, begin to increase the supply of water as it starts growth. You will soon see more buds and gorgeous flowers. In the November issue were directions enough if followed, to insure success. I always advise my friends to buy their bulbs of our Editor, as they are sure to get the best, and good healthy bulbs. I trust I have made my way plain to everyone.

Hardwick, Vt., Dec. 3, 1914. Mrs. Bedell.

Care of Heliotrope.—I should like to say a few words in the Magazine in favor of the Heliotrope as a window plant in winter. I have been very successful with it and have found that the plants need warmth and plenty of sunshine. An upper shelf, about the top of the lower window sash, of a south window seems to suit them best. Give plenty of water with good drainage, as the soil dries out quickly in such a position. My Heliotropes are never troubled with any kind of insects, and their sweet, dainty bloom well repay all for their care.

Mrs. S. Chadwick.

Lincoln Co., Col., Oct. 24, 1914.

Fuchsias in California.—Fuchsias here are very valuable plants in shady locations. They grow to a great size in three years, and bloom throughout the summer and fall months.

F. C. McKinnie.

Oakland, Calif., Sept. 28, 1914.

REPEATED BLOOM.

I WANT TO TELL the readers of my successful experiment with Iris and Amaryllis. The remarkable beauty of these flowers has so appealed to me that I have often wished they were ever-blooming; and as I had so often read of the benefit that a "rest" was to a plant, then rush it to blooming by wire-strained watering, I decided to try out the experiment on these Lilies. My success was more than any fond hope I might have entertained. My Amaryllis Johnsonii bloomed twice, and my golden brown and dark purple Iris plants have bloomed three times this season. I hope to see my Iris bloom again this fall. It is in bloom now, September 28th. When it quits blooming now I will let it rest until the last of October, then lay the hose by it and let a small stream of water soak in, and I hope it may bring me its beauty once again this season.

Mrs. J. L. Oakes.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Calendula.—The Calendula deserves all the fame bestowed upon it by the immortal "bard of Avon," it being known to him as the "Marygold." Its merits rest upon the fact that it is one of the best and showiest free-flowering annuals, adapting itself to any good garden soil, equally at home in beds or mixed borders. It begins to bloom in early summer, continuing until killed by the frost. It is also valuable for pot culture, blooming freely in winter and early spring.

Alonzo L. Rice.

Gloxinias from Seeds.—Those who have never grown Gloxinias from seeds have a pleasant experience in store. The seeds are so tiny that it is a delicate process, but I felt more than repaid for my trouble, when one of my seedlings bloomed. The foliage was dark, spotted with pink, and the blossom a rich crimson with spotted throat and white edge, borne erect, so I named it *Crassifolia Erecta*. I have lovely Gloxinias raised from bulbs and leaves, but this one seemed more like an own child, for I had cared for it from the beginning.

Mrs. F. I. Harriman.

Penobscot Co., Me., Oct. 17, 1914.

Nasturtiums in Florida.—Last spring I planted a packet of *Nasturtium* seeds in a Banana crate (which is about three feet long). I swung it in the porch and filled it with woods earth and gravel, and how the plants did grow and bloom! I had cut flowers as well as a porch ornament, too. I painted the crate dark green, which contrasted prettily with the light green foliage and bright blossoms.

Mrs. F. R. Merritt.

Putnam Co., Fla., Oct. 17, 1914.



ABOUT CANTERBURY BELLS.

PROBABLY some of you have never grown Canterbury Bells, and if you have not, you have missed one of the rare treats of the perennial garden. The ones I have are biennial, and I sow them every year for the next year's blooming, though they will self-sow. I have always grown them mixed till this year I am sowing the colors separate, as I want a white bed, a pink and a blue with their different shades, though the latter are really purple, all I ever saw. I prepare a well spaded bed in sunlight or shade, with a goodly amount of old fertilizer, then sow thinly either spring or fall, usually in spring, and they are soon up and growing sturdily. They can be sown in August or early September and the little plants will live, or sown later and the seeds will lie dormant. They are very tenacious, have strong roots, and will care for themselves all summer and winter with a light covering of boughs; their leaves are green all winter, or mostly so, and they should not be smothered with heavy dressing.

Be sure to thin them by mid-summer to six or eight inches apart, and the next June you



DOUBLE CANTERBURY BELLS.

will be amply rewarded. I had a beautiful bed this summer that elicited admiration from everyone who saw it. There were large pure white ones, white with dashes of pale heliotrope, and white with faintest tint of blue, a lovely, single blush rose, also a double one of the same tint, pure pinks with deeper shades at the edges, others deep pink, and purple ones, double and single, large and small. The plants grow from two to three feet high if properly thinned, and are branched all the way up, and hang full of their beautiful bells: and to me are next to Lilies in beauty, especially the large white ones. They are excellent as cut flowers, lasting from two to three weeks, if cut when first open, and the water kept fresh.

My blue ones opened first, just as a dear friend died, and I hesitated about taking them, they were so large and heavy, and on account of the color, as I would have preferred the white. When the room was thrown open for the services they presented one of the most unique and beautiful casket decorations I ever saw. The manager had tied them with a broad purple ribbon with the word "Mother" in gold, which I had also enclosed, and placed them between a long, loose spray of white Carnations on one side, and pale pink on the other, with green vines, and the effect was most beautiful. No one will ever regret the time and small outlay for these floral treasures. The plants are easily grown from seeds.

Mrs. Nellie Bailey.

Quebec, Can., Oct. 20, 1914.

About Amaryllis.—I have a seedling Amaryllis that bears large, handsome flowers, and this is how I raised it. I had a hybrid Amaryllis that bloomed and ripened a pod of seeds. I sowed the seeds and just one grew, which I cared for until it bloomed. The flower was a pale, yellowish red with lighter veinings. The plant bloomed every six weeks from March until October, and now it looks as though it would bloom again. I purchased a white Amaryllis that would not bloom, and one day I turned the pot over to see what was the trouble, and such a sight! The large red ants had set up house keeping in the pot. They had carried the nice rich dirt out and filled the space with their eggs and young. I just emptied the contents into a bucket, took out the bulb and burned every ant. Then I repotted the bulb, and it now looks as though it would bloom this winter.

Mary H. Swayne.

Washington Co., O., Nov. 7, 1914.

Crown Imperial.—A bulb of Crown Imperial came up last spring. It was surely an oddity from the time it poked its head through the ground, looking like a broom handle painted a red-brown, until its flowers were gone. It grew two inches a day, and was soon budding, and then blooming, with its circle of red-maroon flowers hanging straight down on their little stems, and above the circle a fine tuft of green leaves. It was very showy. But while it is odd and very pretty and hardy, it should not be planted too near the house, as its odor is not pleasing.

Mrs. M. Parkins.

Lancaster Co., Nebr., Nov. 12, 1914.

A Flower Combination.—I always enjoy hearing about the different flowers used in combination so as to blend harmoniously. I had one bed this summer which everyone thought lovely. In the center of the bed, which was in the shape of a five-pointed star, was a Canna raised from the seed; around this were single Petunias in different shades of blue, and the edging was of Sweet Alyssum.

Mrs. H. C. Livingood.

Somerset Co., Pa., Nov. 11, 1914.

CARE OF PLANTS AND BULBS RECEIVED LATE.

IT SOMETIMES happens that one receives plants and bulbs almost too late for outdoor planting in the fall. If one knows that such things are coming, then a place may be prepared for them, a little trench or deep place fixed, and filled in with leaves or straw, and this covered with boards. This will help to keep the lower stratum of the soil from freezing too hard, and if a box of dirt is put in the cellar, the plants or bulbs received late may be set outdoors even as late as Christmas, by putting them in the prepared place. After removing the leaves or straw or litter, place the plants carefully, after dipping the roots or bulbs in a batter of earth and water, cover well and compactly with the soil which was put away on purpose for them, and while the blooming may not be quite as early as though they were set in October, it will be pretty good, and you will have a goodly lot of plants or bulbs for another year, where they will do well.



GLADIOLUS BULB, BULBLETS AND FLOWERS.

If this does not seem feasible, Tulips and such hardy bulbs may be planted in boxes of good depth, the boxes put out of doors and covered with strawy litter, especially well covered on the exposed sides. Let the bulbs bloom in the box, and perhaps remain there all summer, at least until they have made their next year's growth of new bulbs, then remove them and set them in their appointed place.

The past summer we received some summer-blooming bulbs quite late, too late for the ordinary treatment to be given them. Some Gladiolus bulbs of choice sorts were put into a box, so that in case of early frosts they might be sheltered or even brought under cover. Considering the season, we now think we might better have put them in the garden

with the others, as *Gladioli* bloomed very early with us this year. We shall take up the bulbs that were put in the box and use them early another year, we hope. There were amongst these bulbs (thanks to Mr. Park) some choice varieties that we appreciate highly, and we hope to get good results from them the coming season. Some *Montbretias*, too, came late, and these were put into an immense jar, such as meat is cured in. In the bottom were stones, over this strawy manure, and then good garden soil. The bulbs were slow in starting, but have thrown up many stalks since, and we hope for much the coming season from them.

Still another bunch of bulbs received from the same source were Tuberous *Begonias*. These gave us a thrill just to look at them, well-sprouted most of them; but, as before, it seemed too late for outdoor planting, so we potted them, and they are now well in bloom, with some of the most marvelous blossoms we ever saw on a *Begonia*. One fringed, white center, pink-edged one measured nearly nine inches around it, and two and a half inches across. A lovely yellow not quite so large is blooming and budding well, while rose-colored, deep red, etc., are all showing up in great beauty. We believe these *Begonias* will brighten the house until Christmas, perhaps, and when done blooming we will let them dry out and start again in the spring. They will make a gorgeous flower bed the coming season.

Some *Gloxinia* bulbs, too, came late, and these were potted, as they are pretty tender, and most of them are growing well. A few failed to respond, but really out of the whole collection received late, but few failed to grow and respond to care. In planting out bulbs received



Gloxinia.

late, if not wanted for forcing, and the cellar is warm, put them in deep boxes, or even in jars, and in a sheltered, outdoor place; they will do much better than they will in a warm cellar.

One woman I know had a lot of Tulips, and these she kept in a bureau drawer. She turned them over to me 'way after Christmas, but I found them so dried up they were worthless. If she had even covered them with earth, it would have been better, but she thought they would keep till spring without setting out. This was a great mistake. It is always well to put some dirt in the cellar for possible emergencies in the plant or bulb line, for how often it happens that some is wanted.

Rose Seelye Miller.

Edmunds Co., S. D., Sept. 29, 1914.

FLORAL NOTES.

Smilax.—Mr. Park: Few realize how easy it is to grow Smilax from seeds. I bought a package of this popular vine last spring and planted the seeds early in the window garden. Before fall I had two large pots, some of the vines being five and six feet high. A. H. McKellup.

Whitley Co., Ky., Oct. 22, 1914.

Plumbago.—Mr. Park: I am growing Plumbago, Lady Larpent, this year for the first time, and am much pleased with it. Its color is the "bluest blue" I ever saw. It is a lovely hardy perennial. Mary Lewis.

Mercer Co., O., Oct. 15, 1914.

Bulbs in Cans.—Mr. Park: I order and plant hardy bulbs every year, and the moles or mice eat them up. Last fall I planted the bulbs in tin cans, and had some lovely Hyacinths. Mrs. J. T. Hundley.

Pittsylvania Co., Va., Oct. 12, 1914.

Gaura.—Mr. Park: The Gaura came to me in a packet of mixed seeds. It was a stranger, but I admire its graceful white flowers on their long, slender stems very much, and I think it a desirable addition to my family of seedling plants. Mrs. Jas. Kerns.

Ingham Co., Mich., Oct. 14, 1914.

Lawyer's Tongue.—Mr. Park: This is seven inches high and thirteen inches across. It is twenty (20) years old and covered with little white spots, said to be the lies the lawyer told! In the same pot I have a Live Oak from Florida, nine inches high, and a Grape Fruit, raised from the seed, which is four inches high. These help to fill out the pot, and add to its beauty. J. B. Evans.

Essex Co., N. J., Oct. 2, 1914.

Coxcomb.—Mr. Park: I like the Coxcomb very much. It is beautiful. Many of the combs are a foot across, and so velvety. A dark red is my choice, but the other colors are nice, and any of them make nice pot plants for the fall window. Mrs. M. Compton.

Gage Co., Neb., Oct. 19, 1914.

Iris Kämpferi.—Mr. Park: Out of one package of Iris Kämpferi seeds I raised five plants. Perhaps more seeds would have germinated, but as these came up at once, I lifted them from the box in which they were planted, and threw away the soil. Japan Iris are among the most beautiful of flowers. Mine have measured eight and nine inches across. They are rich and varied in color, delicate in texture, and come into bloom after other kinds have bloomed.

Miss Blanche Proudft.

Washington Co., Pa., Oct. 23, 1914.

Coreopsis Grandiflora.—Mr. Park: One of my most beautiful flowers is the hardy Coreopsis. The flowers are a fine golden yellow, and of such a refined form! The long, graceful stems make it an ideal flower for cutting. A bouquet of Coreopsis and Gypsophila paniculata is the daintiest thing I've seen. Mine has been blooming since June, and is still at it. Miss Blanche Proudft.

Washington Co., Pa., Oct. 23, 1914.

Coleus.—Mr. Park: From a five-cent packet of Coleus seeds I get a great many most beautiful plants, no two alike. They make a fine display when planted in a box set in a sunny window, and are as easily grown as the most common plants. I advise my dear flower-loving friends to try them. They will be pleased. Mrs. Jenkins.

Edwards Co., Kas., Sept. 19, 1914.

Sweet Mary.—Mr. Park: A lady friend gave me seeds of the flower known as Sweet Mary. It is a lovely flower, grows about three feet tall, and has tiny blue flowers, blue as the sky. Mine was a mass of bloom all summer, and until the frost of late autumn nipped them in all their glory. I planted a bed with blue Sweet Mary, white Petunias, Nasturtiums and Verbenas, and bordered with Sweet Alyssum. I planted in rather good soil. The seed pods of Sweet Mary are not unlike those of the Petunia. There is not a more beautiful flower grows.

Mrs. G. W. Burns.

McMinn Co., Tenn., Oct. 14, 1914.

Nasturtium.—Mr. Park: In April I planted two packages of Nasturtium seeds in a rich bed, and I think every seed came up. I planted them about four inches apart, as I didn't take them up, and in about a month's time they were a mass of bloom all the summer. They make a beautiful bed or border. They are my favorite yard flowers, and very easily grown from seeds.



Emmie Witherspoon.

Fairfield Co., S. C., Oct. 13, 1914.

Cannas.—Mr. Park: I had some fine Cannas this year. I had four different colors from seeds sown early in the house. They grew to be 3 or 4 feet high after transplanting, and bloomed till the frost came. When I dug them I had nearly, if not quite, a half bushel of tubers. I have them stored in a cellar near a furnace, where I can keep them from dampness and in a growing condition, and hope for some fine ones another year.

Orfa M. Gayther.

Floyd Co., Ia., Nov. 16, 1914.

DAY BREAK IN THE HILLS.

ALL THE LONG HOURS night has held sway. The eternal hills, their rugged peaks softened by the silvery light of the moon, lay beneath the pale, pure radiance of the stars. But now the moon and stars begin to pale before the fiery chariot of the King of Day, as he rushes across the sky. The iridescent shafts of light leap and play from crag to crag like frightened deer. The clouds of fog and mist are dispelled like flocks of snowy sheep feeding on the mountain side. A new day has been ushered in. No artist's brush can paint the scene. Early morning in the mountains of Kentucky. The glories of the earth reflecting the glories of the sky. Dew sparkling from every blade of grass like the jewels of Golconda. Surely Isis, the great dumb spirit of Nature, has been lavish in her gifts. The frost has touched each tree with a color all its own. The water Birches, their trunks gleaming in the early light, like so many ghosts, are a bower of gold. Century old Oaks are resplendent in their dress of scarlet. Far overhead, "in the infinite meadow of heaven," great fleecy clouds float across the blue dome, like ships on their way to port. Myriads of insects fill the air with their shrill chorus. In yonder tree the crows have congregated. On a high branch, in solitary grandeur, is a giant crane, sedately perched on one leg. A breeze springs up from the westward, and the leaves come down in showers, a reminder that rain will soon be falling as though "the heart of heaven were breaking in tears o'er the fallen earth." Our thoughts move forward a few months. Another day is dawning. The air is filled with the song of birds. Instead of scarlet and gold the trees are decked in their soft green livery, and we know that spring has come again. No matter what the season, how easy it is to see the hand of the Creator in all. In the early morning our minds wander back to that morning so long ago, when "He saw everything He had made, and behold, it was very good."

Rev. A. H. McKellup.

Williamsburg, Ky., Nov. 18, 1914.

Petunias.—My Petunias bloom both summer and winter. The colors are white, red, pink, and purple, and some are veined, striped, splashed and margined with different colors. I lift and pot those I wish for winter-blooming in a sunny window. I wouldn't be without these bright, continuous-blooming flowers, and I wish all the flower-lovers would grow them.

Cora J. Copeland.

Harris Co., Ga.

Boston Smilax.—Every plant-lover should try raising Smilax from seeds. I had a hanging basket of it which was beautiful. I allowed it to grow a foot, then kept it evenly trimmed, and it was a source of admiration to all who saw it.

Mrs. A. A. Munn.

Buffalo Co., Nebr., Oct. 14, 1914.

IMPATIENS SULTANI.

WHY DO NOT more people have Impatiens? It seems to me that they require the least care of any plant that grows. Simply give them all they want of water to drink, and they repay you by being a perfect bouquet of rosy blooms for weeks. I do not allow mine to grow very tall, but cut it back, which makes it put out new branches, and thus forms a compact, bush-like plant.



They certainly make a bright spot for winter.

Mrs. Geo. T. Avery.

Androscoggin Co., Me., Nov. 6, 1914.

Pelargoniums in California.—

I have grown Pelargoniums or Lady Washington Geraniums for many years, and up to recently have had great trouble in keeping them in a shapely form of growth in the garden. The best way I have found, is to fasten the growths against a fence or sunny wall as they grow. They naturally have a rather sprawly form of growth, and on being planted in such a situation are able to lean against the wall and show their beautiful flowers to advantage. In this locality they do very well, and when trimmed back a trifle before summer make a very beautiful show in the garden. Some of the newer varieties have grand Azalea-like flowers, of much larger size than the older ones. They are all quite tender, even here, and unless we have two or more plants of a variety, very often lose some on account of unseasonable frosts.

F. C. McKinnie.

Oakland, Calif., Sept. 28, 1914.

Lavatera.—I have grown Lavatera trimestris many years. I used them once to beautify an ash-heap left by a former tenant. I kept the plants well watered at first, and soon the roots went down through the layer of ashes, and I had a bed of pink and white that lasted till a severe freeze. Frost doesn't hurt the plants much here. They are fine for a low hedge. Seeds are quick to germinate, and I save my own, year after year. They do not "run out" in quality as some seeds do.

M. E. Main.

Washington Co., R. I., Oct. 19, 1914.

Shading at South.—For shading a bed for Geraniums and Coleus I plant Bird of Paradise, Poinciana Gillesi, and Althea, Hibiscus Syriacus. When these are so high that I can walk under them they furnish just the shade needed for Geraniums and Coleus grown outdoors at the South. I have some of these shrubs that are five years old, and have developed to the height of 30 feet.

Frances L. Adamietz.

Victoria, Texas, Oct. 20, 1914.



A BUNCH OF FLOWERS.

Just a little bunch of flowers,
But oh, how much they hold!
What innocence and purity,
Wrapped safe within their fold!
Pansies and Violets, Lilies of pure white;
Daisies, Asters, Sweet Peas, all of them so bright,
Tall and lovely Lilacs, flowers of every hue,
These Nature cares for, specially for you.

Just a little bunch of flowers,
When the winter's icy cold,
And plants outside are fast asleep,
Hidden 'neath the leafy mould.
Geraniums, Fuchsias, and Heliotropes so sweet,
Hydrangeas, Impatiens, and others that look neat,
Chinese Lilies and other bulbs a few,
These Nature cares for, specially for you.

Just a little bunch of flowers,
It matters not the kind,
If they are bright and fragrant,
They beautify the mind.
In each and ev'ry season no matter what the time,
If in our own dear country or in a foreign clime;
Tall flowers, short flowers, flowers of every hue,
These Nature cares for, specially for you.
So. Strafford, Vt. Olive M. Smith.

DIXIE BIRD.

Only a little birdie,
With a coat of golden brown,
An eye so bright and jetty black,
And a voice of sweetest sound.

Only a little birdie,
But with wondrous power when lone,
To bring to my heart the dear ones
In my own, my childhood home.

Only a little birdie,
His mission was to cheer,
To fill the home with gladness,
With sweet notes high and clear.

Only a little birdie,
His death the tear-drops bring,
But we'll not forget our Dixie,
Or the songs he used to sing.

Randolph, Vt. Mrs. A. J. Foster.

SING A SONG OF SNOWFLAKES.

Sing a song of snowflakes,
Floating softly down
Over field and forest,
Over vale and town.
In the air the frost king
Moves his magic wand,
While the drifts pile higher
In the lanes beyond.

Sing a song of snowflakes!
Winter now is here,
Autumn time is over.
Ho! for winter cheer.
Boys and girls are shouting
With glad faces bright.
Sing a song of snowflakes
In their fleecy white.

Livingston Co., Mo. Eustatia Sefton.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.

[These verses were written and recited April 30th, by Myrtle Allen, at the golden wedding of her grandparents.—Ed.]

Just half a century ago,
A couple, young and gay,
Drove to the town of Houlton,
And joined their lives—glad day!

In years that swiftly followed,
Some in sunshine, some in showers,
Six children came to bless them,
And brighten life's long hours.

Now all have left the home-nest—
Some felt the chastening rod;
Two closed their eyes in peaceful sleep,
To ever be with God.

Thus fifty years have swiftly gone,
And tonight, friends bright and gay,
Are here to wish them all that's good,
On their golden wedding day.

May coming days bring happiness,
And joy and peace and rest,
And may their added score of years,
Be the sweetest and the best.

Monticello, Me. Myrtle Allen.

THE FLOWER TRAP.

A honey bee o'er summer lands,
Flew far the wild fields over,
He rambled fragrant woods, o'er sands,
And supped the sweetest Clover.
A vine flower offered sleeping room,
He dozed, and woke within his tomb.

I saw a man roam many miles,
With beauteous soul, yet human,
His wisdom did not ken the wiles
Of one he met—a woman.
He thought a helpmeet he had found,
But genius in a net was bound.

Oh, honey bee that failed to see
The trap within the flower!
Oh, luckless man that failed to be
Blessed by unselfish power!
For both the empty, waiting comb,
In both did genius find a tomb.

Detroit, Mich. Ulysses R. Perrine.

WOMAN.

Oh woman, you're the fairest of the race,
And not the least, tho' man's first of the two.
When God made man, He looked him in the face
And then improved on him by making you.

Of all mankind you are the most sincere,
You can endure more pain than any man,
Though trials come, and often quite severe,
You're sure to manage by some peaceful plan.

Without you, woman, we'd have much to fear,
Your duties are as numerous as the stars,
And as you cheer our lives when things look drear,
We'll cling to you like sailors to the spars.
St. Louis, Mo. Albert E. Vassar.

LOVE'S MESSENGERS.

I would tell you how I love you, in the language of
the flowers;
I would tell you by the beauty lurking there.
I would tell the sweetness of it by each tiny drop of
dew,
And the fragrance of the Clover-scented air.
I would tell of love that's steadfast by the rainbow's
glowing tints,
Which change not, with the ever changing years.
In the language of the morning, I would speak of
joys that last,
When God has changed to smiling all our tears.
Barron, Wis. Louise Burton.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—My mother takes your Magazine and I like it very much. I am a farmer's girl 14 years old. I go to school about a mile from here. We live on a farm of 266 acres, and have 70 head of cattle, 7 horses, 146 pigs, 200 chickens and 33 turkeys. We have quite a few flowers and two large orchards.

Melrose, Wis.

Elsie Louise Olson.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little country girl 8 years old and in the 5th grade at school. I live on a 125 acre farm. We have two horses, a little colt, six cows, three calves and a big collie dog named Duke. I like to read the Children's Corner. I think it is interesting. My favorite flowers are Daffodils, Pansies and Roses.

Crawford Co., Pa.

Helen G. Rubner.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl 15 years old and live on a farm three miles from Franklin. My sister takes your Magazine and we all like it very much. We had some fine Begonias this summer and also other pretty flowers. My father has five mules, two horses and 14 head of cattle. I have a cute little dog named Bunny. She is very good to drive the cattle for me. I would like to receive letters and cards from young folks.

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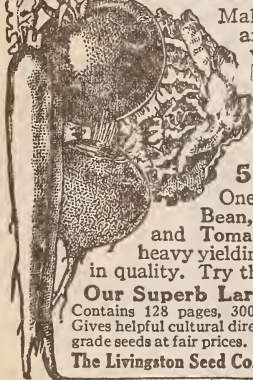
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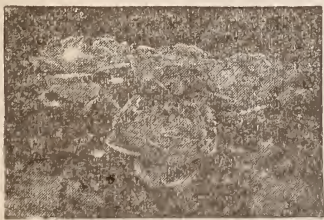
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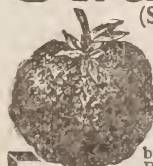
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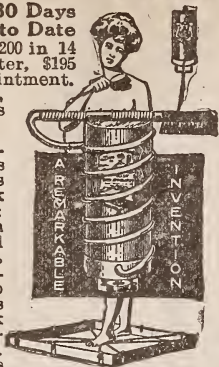
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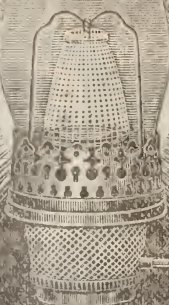
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Walter Parker.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 10, 1914.

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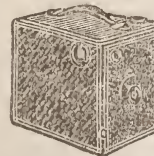
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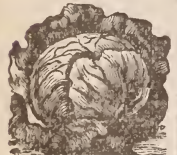
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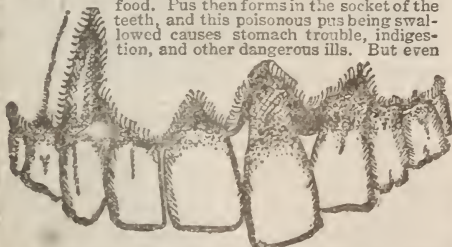
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Lavalette, W. Va., Nov. 3, 1914. Olga Dick.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl, and like flowers awful well. We are just moving on a new place. Mamma read of a souvenir flower garden in which there were flowers from about every State. I would like to get flowers from every State, and if any one would send me some I would appreciate it very much, as we haven't many kinds of flowers—just Cannas, a few Violets and Chrysanthemums—just the small ones. We have no large ones. For pets I have a brother about three years old, and we have a dog and cat.

Dea Ivie.

Beeville, R. 2, Tex., Dec. 1, 1914.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old. My mother has been taking your Magazine for about twenty years. She has a big garden, and I have a garden, too. I have some Nasturtiums in my garden, also a stalk of Corn. My flowers are pretty. I have had lots of flowers during the summer. My brother has a dog named Rover.

Rita Haile.

Heath Spring, S. C., Nov. 2, 1914.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 12 years old and live on a farm. My sister has taken your Magazine for many years and I love to read the children's letters. I am in the third grade at school. I love to see the flowers blooming in the summer.

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Willcox, Ariz., Nov. 17, 1911

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little country girl 10 years old. My mamma died when I was two years old and I have been living with my grandparents ever since. I have a brother 12 years old and a sister of eight years. I like to go to school and I love flowers. Edna Kohler.

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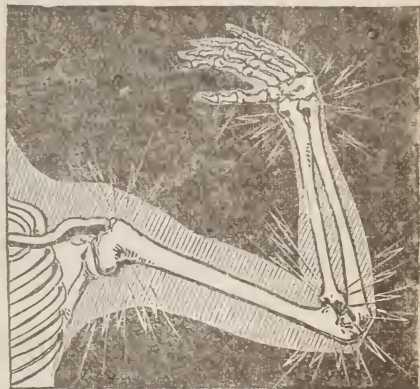
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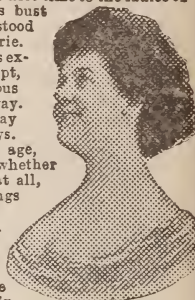
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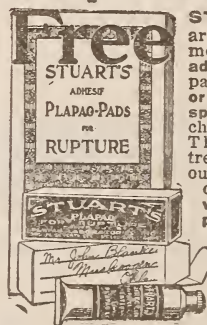
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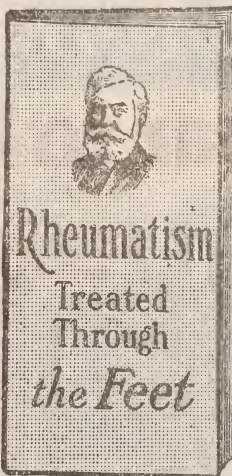
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